



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

June 10, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Amazingly the only item left on our all-school calendar is the last day of school. We've cycled through Field Day, the 5th Grade Pool Party and the End-of-The-Year Book Swap and Picnic. I'll do my best to accomplish the nearly impossible task of thanking the many people who helped with these events. Thank you to Emily Ehl and Jill Abrahamsen for doing a stupendous job managing the hoards of field day volunteers and organizing all of the games and lunch. There were so many moving parts to Field Day this year and you both did a fabulous job pulling it all together. Thank you to Jenny Splaine, Karina Nolasco and Lisa Neyman for arranging the countless details of the 5th Grade Pool Party. Also thank you to LeeAnne Toner and Jen Trevett who ran with a wonderful idea and got the Book Swap Picnic together at lightening speed. Thank you also to all who attended the last LSPA meeting. I am happy to announce the proposal to purchase an additional Active Board for Lincoln School was approved. I'd like to thank Jenny Splaine, especially, for her help with the LSPA as co-president this year. Her level head and keen sense of humor made my job a delight. We welcome Bridget Stump as co-president next year

—Linda McDonough and Jenny Splaine

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 18th

5th Grade Moving On Ceremony

Monday, June 21st

Early Release 11:30am
Last Day of School !!!!

NOTE FROM THE LUNCHROOM

Please check with your child whether she/he owes any lunch tickets, and have them pay back any tickets owed next week. During the last 2 weeks of school no child will be allowed to owe tickets, so please make sure they either have a ticket or a lunch when they leave home. Thank you!

THE LSPA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

While many of our committee chair positions are filled for 2009-10, we still need a SECRETARY for next school year. This job requires attendance at each LSPA meeting. Notes of the meeting are taken and recorded. The benefit of this position is that the time commitment required is tightly defined and known in advance. It is a critical position as we refer to past notes for planning purposes. We hope to schedule most LSPA meetings on Thursday mornings.

We also need help filing our tax forms for the LSPA. Paula Spencer has graciously helped us with this task for the last 2 years. Sadly, she is "graduating" from Lincoln. If you have any experience with tax filing, particularly for non-profits, could you help us with this once-a-year project?? PLEASE?? We don't like to beg, but will do so if necessary. Please contact Linda McDonough (781-729-4070, lindamcdonough@yahoo.com), or Bridget Stump (781-729-0722, bridget.stump@gmail.com) if you can help with either position

NEW LSPA WEBSITE:

Please check out the new LSPA website at www.lincolnspsa.org. It's full of useful information including LSPA meeting minutes, board members, volunteer information, an archive of Lincletters, current calendars, community and curriculum links and more. Our vision is that this site will provide helpful information and serve as a valuable resource to all Lincoln parents. Please let us know what you think using the email provided on the website. It will continue to change and improve so don't forget to add the link to your favorites.

HONOR A TEACHER TODAY

Last call! The WFEE Teacher Tribute program is wrapping up for this year. If you want to honor your child's teacher through WFEE please make your donation online at www.wfee.org.



Box Tops Program Exceeds Goal!!

\$1,618 raised for Lincoln with Mrs.

Flaherty's friends winning the contest!!!!

Congratulations and thank you to all who helped make this year's Box Top program the best year ever! **\$1,618** was raised which will continue to help fund important enrichment programs for our Lincoln students. Special recognition and applause to Mrs. Flaherty's friends who won the contest by collecting a **school record of 1,939 box tops!** Please be sure to congratulate the Box Top contest winners. We hope they enjoy their pizza party!

The final results of a fantastic year are below! Thank you again for your support of the program. Don't forget to clip this summer to gear up for another contest next year!

1st Place	C. Flaherty	1st grade	1,939
2nd Place	M. Barford	4th grade	1,388
3rd Place	A. Hunt	Kind.	1,357
4th Place	J. Linehan	3rd grade	899
5th Place	P. Haggerty	2nd grade	873
6th Place	C. Wolfe	1st grade	872
7th Place	E. Adams	2nd Grade	795
8th Place	J. McElaney	4th grade	753
9th Place	T. Fitch	3rd grade	541
10th Place	P. Tranchita	4th grade	540

MS. ALBERT'S OPEN HOUSE

After thirty-seven years of teaching, Maura Albert will be retiring this June. Most of those years have been at Lincoln School but Maura also taught at Ambrose and Lynch. She has always cherished her time with former students and parents. An open house reception will be held in her classroom at Lincoln on Thursday, June 11 from 3:00-7:00pm. Come share your memories with Ms. Albert and enjoy browsing through old class photos and projects. If you can't make it, send a note to her at Lincoln School and spread the word to other former classmates.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2009-2010 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3, 4 & 5

It is time to sign up for musical instrument

lessons. Winchester Public Schools offers an extensive program of instrument lessons and ensembles for students in grades 3-12. For more information please go to the following link and scroll to bottom of page http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/business_office/busofficeinfo.htm.

2009-2010 OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is the policy of the Winchester Public Schools to enroll all elementary school students in their neighborhood school. However, out-of-neighborhood placement on a space-available basis is allowed when no additional staffing is required, with the understanding that parents will assume responsibility for transportation and that the child's elementary school years will be completed in the out-of-district school. Please see the attached enrollment form for details.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR FALL

The Winchester Public School Preschool has a few openings for the 2009-2010 school year. Space is available in the 4-5 year old full day program (M-F 8:45 - 2:15 p.m.), and the mixed-age afternoon program for 3-5 year olds (M-F 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.). The Preschool follows the Winchester Public School Calendar. If you are interested in our preschool program, please contact the Preschool Office at the Lynch School at 781-721-7015.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MIM REID SCHOLARSHIP

Mim Reid, a beloved figure in the Winchester Public Schools for over thirty years, died last year at the age of eighty. Over her career, Mim was an English teacher, reading specialist, and most recently, a staff member at the high school in Special Education. She worked full time and was in school, doing what she loved to do, the day before she died. A committee is raising funds to award a scholarship, under the auspices of the Winchester Scholarship Foundation, in Mim's name to a graduating senior in Special Ed who is going on to higher education. Mim's impact on the students of Winchester over the years is immeasurable. Please consider making a contribution so that we can honor her by recognizing a student who strives for excellence. Please send your check, made payable to the Winchester Scholarship Foundation, and earmarked 'Mim Reid Scholarship' to:

Winchester Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 174
Winchester, MA 01890

BORGGAARD BEACH REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Local Family Action Network of Winchester is getting ready to launch its Borggaard Beach Revitalization Project, which aims to turn the local beach into a year round recreational facility by installing an inclusive, automated, interactive Splash Park and Playground that's handicapped accessible, making this one of the few facilities of its kind in the area. Winchester's Borggaard Beach is located off Palmer Street next to the Packer Tennis Courts. Current amenities include a sandy beach, well-defined swimming areas, certified lifeguards and Red Cross swim lessons, and restrooms with changing and shower facilities. The town sells beach memberships that permit unlimited use of the beach during its regular hours of operation. When open, it meets the local Board of Health water quality standards. Please visit the website www.fansplash.org for more information.

JUST A MINUTE FESTIVAL

WinCam director Don Daniel is launching the online "Just a Minute Festival." The festival has no entry fee and people are urged to upload productions on the website, www.JustAMinute.tv. There will be prizes for the winners of this event. The Festival celebrates short visual presentations created or shot in any format: film, video, animation, flash, machinima, phone etc. The only requirement is that the length of submitted productions is 1 minute or less. The entry deadline for entry is 9/1/09. Judging of the entries will begin on September 6 and will end on December 1. Entries will also be broadcast on WinCAM, and WinCAM will train and help all aspiring producers. This event is made possible, in part by the generous contributions of WinCAM, the Winchester Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Contact Don Daniel at justaminutetv@live.com with questions.

WINCAM SUMMER PROGRAMS

WinCAM is offering summer programs to all interested students. WinCAM also offers an ongoing video club at McCall and mentoring program for several elementary schools in town. If you are interested in training opportunities at WinCAM or the outstanding summer programs available, contact Jen Wille at jwille@wincam.org or visit www.wincam.org. WinCAM student membership is available for \$10.

GRIFFIN MUSEUM SUMMER CAMP
The Griffin Museum is excited to offer three workshops for children ages 11 - 14.

Students will enjoy courses that utilize the photograph and other visual arts media for a fun and collaborative educational experience. Each class is structured to build visual literacy skills as well as develop critical thinking skills through art making. Although the classes do not require a camera, students are welcome to bring cameras to use in their projects. No photography experience is needed. Topics/dates: Collage/Assemblage (July 6-10), Community Portrait (July 13-17), Responding to Current Events (July 20-24). Cost: \$250 Members / \$325 Nonmembers + \$20 Material fee. Class size is limited to 15. Students may take one, two, or all three courses. Students who register for all three will receive a \$50 discount off the total price. For more detailed information visit: <http://www.griffinmuseum.org>.

WINCHESTER TO HOST CAL RIPKEN YOUTH BASEBALL WORLD SERIES IN AUGUST 2009!!

From August 11-18, 2009, Winchester will host a truly remarkable and unique event: The Cal Ripken Youth Baseball World Series. In addition to Winchester's own World Series team, nine other teams will participate in the tournament representing communities throughout the United States and territories as far away as Guam!

The Cal Ripken World Series represents a premiere youth baseball event and a fantastic achievement for our community. To do it we need your help and we welcome your becoming part of our team! Winchester SYBS currently needs volunteers and support in the following 3 areas: host families are needed to provide housing for out-of-town players (two per home); volunteers are needed to host concession stands during game days; and financial donations are needed toward the \$200,000 required to host the event. Please help support SYBS! Those interested should contact Juleby Hirsch at juleby1@hotmail.com and/or visit the Winchester SYBS/World Series website www.winchesterworldseries.com. Thanks and Go Schem Youth Baseball!

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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